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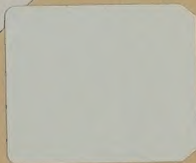
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PREFACE.

The flattering success of McGuffey's Revised Readers, and the inquiry for more primary reading matter to be used in the first year of school work, have induced the Publishers to prepare a REVISED PRIMER, which may be used to precede the First Reader of any well arranged series.

The method pursued is the same as that in McGuffey's Revised Readers, and the greatest possible care has been taken to insure a gradation suited to the youngest children. Only about six new words are to be mastered in each lesson. These new words and the new elementary sounds are always to be found in the vocabulary of the lesson in which they are first used.

The plan of the book enables the teacher to pursue the Phonic Method, the Word Method, the Alphabet Method, or any combination of these methods.

Illustrations of the best character have been freely supplied, and the skilled teacher will be able to use them to great advantage.

The script exercises throughout the book and the slate exercises at the close, have been specially written and carefully engraved for this Primer; they may be used to teach the reading of script, and as exercises in learning to write.

In the full confidence that the public will appreciate a cheap and attractive Primer of this character, the Publishers have spared no expense to make this book equal, in type, paper, and illustrations, to any that have been issued from their Press.

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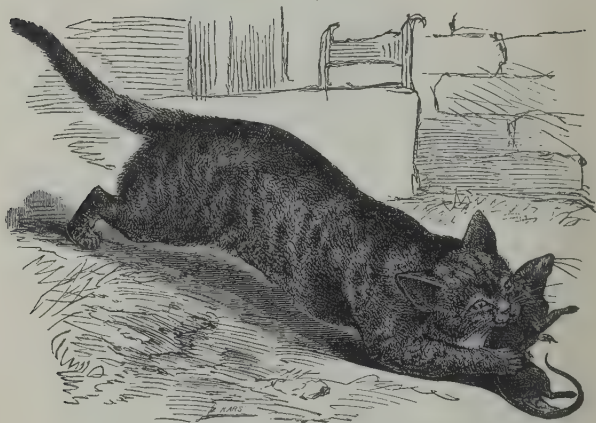
a ănd eăt răt
ă e d n r t



a rat a cat
A cat A rat

A cat and a rat.
A rat and a cat.

LESSON II.



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h th ș

The cat the rat

The cat has a rat.

The rat ran at Ann.

Ann has a cat.

The cat ran at the rat.

LESSON III.

Năt hăt făn căn
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a fan

a hat

Ann and Nat.

Ann has a fan.

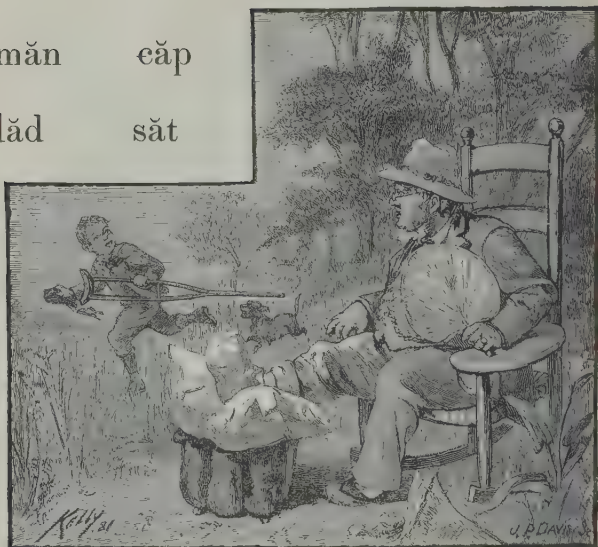
Nat has a hat.

Ann can fan Nat.

LESSON IV.

măn eăp

lăd săt



l m p s
a cap the lad

A man and a lad.

The man sat; the lad ran.

The man has a hat.

The lad has a cap.

LESSON V.—REVIEW.

The cat and the rat ran.

Ann sat, and Nat ran.

A rat ran at Nat.

Can Ann fan the lad?

The man and the lad.

The man has a cap.

The lad has a fan.

Has Ann a hat?

Ann has a hat and a fan.

a at rat sat
can cap lad and

The cat ran. Ann ran.

The man has a hat.

LESSON VI.



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Răb

făt

Năt's

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Nat's cap

a fat dog

Has the lad a dog?

The lad has a fat dog.

The dog has Nat's cap.

Nat and Rab ran.

Rab ran at a cat.

LESSON VII.

sēe

sēes

frōg



ōn

lōg

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a log

the frog

See the frog on a log.

Rab sees the frog.

Can the frog see Rab?

The frog can see the dog.

Rab ran at the frog.

LESSON VIII.



it	stănd	Ann's
îș	lămp	măt
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a mat

the stand

See the lamp! It is on a mat.
 The mat is on the stand.
 The lamp is Nat's, and the mat
 is Ann's.

LESSON IX.

Tõm	năḡ	nõt
hĩm	eatch	hē
hĩs	ch	



See the nag! It is Tom's nag.
Can Tom catch his nag?
He can not catch him.
The dog ran at the nag, and the
nag ran.

LESSON X.—REVIEW.

Tom's nag is fat; his dog is not fat. Nat is on Tom's nag.

Nat's dog, Rab, can not catch the rat.

See the frog on the log.

A lad sees the frog.

The lad can not catch it.

A cat is on the mat; the cat sees a rat.

Ann's fan is on the stand.

The man has a lamp.

A dog ran at the man.

Ann sat on a log.

Tom sees Nat's dog.

A fat frog is on the log.

Can not Rab catch it?

LESSON XI

nĕst thĭs ěggs shē
 ĩn ġĕt
 bŏx hĕn



ĕ x sh
 the box a nest

This is a fat hen. The hen
 has a nest in the box.
 She has eggs in the nest.
 A cat sees the nest, and can
 get the eggs.

LESSON XII.



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rŭn

fōx

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Can this old fox catch the hen?
 The fox can catch the hen, and
 get the eggs in the nest.
 Run, Rab, and catch the fox.

This nest has eggs in it.

LESSON XIII.

pōnd dŭcks thēm fēed

Nēll

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Nell is by the pond.

I see ducks on the pond.

Nell sees the ducks, and will
feed them.

She can not get the ducks.

LESSON XIV.



hōlds to

blind Mā'rŷ

hănd kind

ā o k ŷ

This old man can not see.
He is blind.

Mary holds him by the hand.
She is kind to the old blind
man.

LESSON XV.—REVIEW.

I see ducks on the pond; Tom
will feed them.

Tom is blind; he holds a box
in his hand.

Nell is kind to him.

This old hen has a nest.

Mary will run and get the
eggs.

LESSON XVI.

Sue doll dress new her



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Sue has a doll.

It has a new dress.

She will let Ann hold the doll in her hands; and Ann will fan it.

Sue is kind to Ann.

LESSON XVII.

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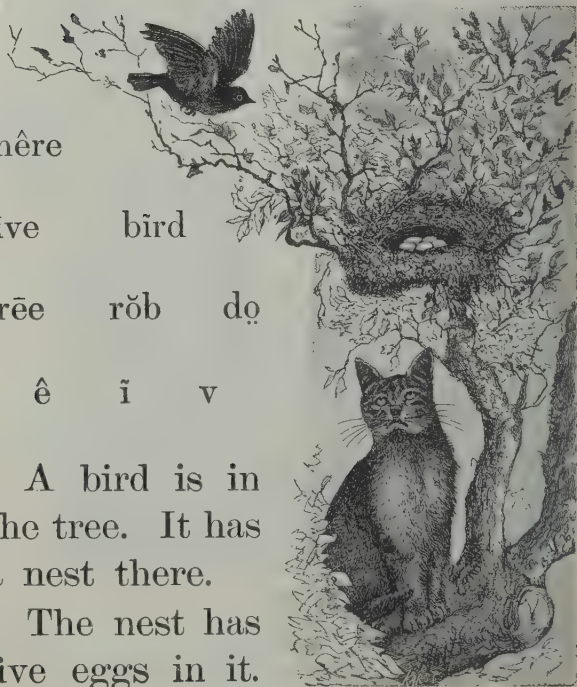
five bîrd

trêe rŏb dŏ

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A bird is in the tree. It has a nest there.

The nest has five eggs in it.



Do not rob the nest.

Will the bird let the cat get
her five eggs?

LESSON XVIII.

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pēt

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loves



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This is a pet bird.

It lives in a new cage.

It will stand on Sue's hand,
and sing.

Sue loves her pet bird.

So do I love it.

LESSON XIX.

ä-re you yēs fäst tōō
like boyz ǒf (ǒv) plāy



à ä y oy

Do you see the boys at play?

Yes, I see them; there are five of them.

Tom is too fat to run fast.
Nat can catch him.

I like to see boys play.

LESSON XX.—REVIEW.

Sue has a doll and a pet bird.
Her doll has a new dress and
a cap.

Sue loves Mary, and will let her
hold the doll.

The pet bird lives in a cage.
Sue and Mary will stand by the
cage, and the bird will sing.

There are birds in the tree by
the pond. Can you see them?

Yes; there are five of them in
a nest.

Tom will not rob a bird's nest.
He is too kind to do so.

Nell will feed the ducks.
Sue has a new dress.

LESSON XXI.

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owl

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What bird is this?

It is an owl.

What big eyes it has!

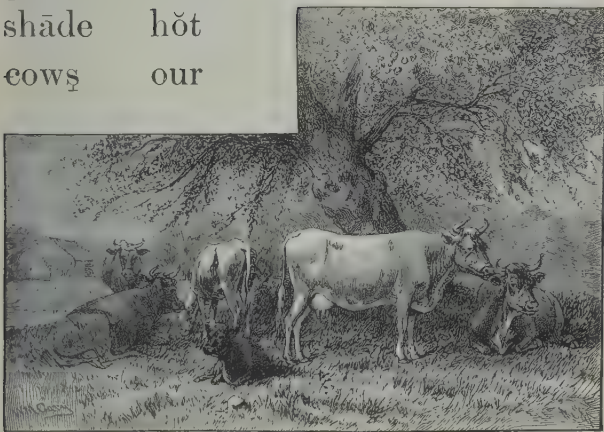
Yes, but it can not see well by day.

The owl can see best at night.

Nat Pond has a pet owl.

LESSON XXII.

gr̄ass they cōme öff bärn
 shāde hōt
 cows our



e ou

The day is hot.

The cows are in the shade of the big tree.

They feed on the new grass.

Our cows do not run off.

At night they come to the barn.

LESSON XXIII.

sōon

sŭn

nĕck

sĕt



wāy

bĕll

one (wŭn)

thĕir

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The sun will soon set.

The cows are on their way to the barn.

One old cow has a bell on her neck. She sees our dog, but she will not run.

Our dog is kind to the cows.

LESSON XXIV.

brāve	if	shĭp	bōat
drown	mĕn	rōck	sāve



The ship has run on a rock.

Five men are on the ship.

If the boat can not get to
them, they will drown.

The boat has brave men in it.

They will save the five men.

LESSON XXV.—REVIEW.

Come, boys, and feed the cows.
The sun has set, and they are
at the barn.

Sue has a bell on the neck of
her pet cat.

One hot day Ann and Nell sat
on the grass in the shade of a
big tree. They like to rock their
dolls, and sing to them.

The brave men in our boat
are on their way to the ship.
They will save the men in the
ship, if they can. They will not
let them drown.

What bird has big eyes? The
owl. Can an owl see at night?
Yes, an owl can see best at
night.

LESSON XXVI.

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with	hād	stōne	dīd

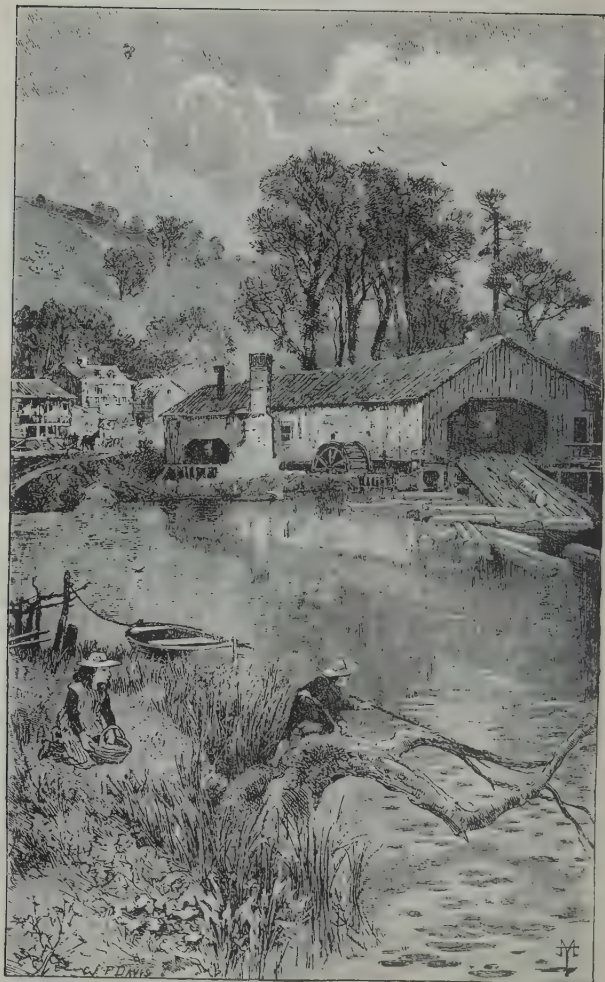


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The boys are on the ice with their skates.

There is a stone on the ice. One boy did not see it, and has had a fall.

But he is a brave boy, and will not cry.



LESSON XXVII.

lōok	gō	Jōhn
hēre	all	wheel
mill	have	round
	oo	j

Look! there are John and Sue
by the mill pond.

They like to see the big wheel
go round.

They have come to play on
the logs and in the boat.

John and Sue will play here
all day.

The cows like grass.

They stand in the shade.

LESSON XXVIII.

ôr	Jāne	gīrls	floor
rōll	sōme	whīch	blăck
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Here are some girls with skates;
but they are not on the ice.

Their skates roll on the floor.

Which way do you like to
skate,—on the ice, or on the floor?

The girl with the new black
dress is Jane Bell.



LESSON XXIX.

fôr out ăș how trȳ
 hōrse should hûrt cārș bē



o nō û

Look out for the cars!

How fast they come!

No horse can go as fast as the cars.

I will not try to catch them,
 for I should fall and be hurt.

See the horse look at the cars.
 Will he not run?

LESSON XXX.—REVIEW.

There is ice on the pond, and the mill wheel can not go round.

The boys are all out on the ice with their skates.

I will let you and Tom try to skate; but do not fall, for you will be hurt.

Look! here come the cars. John and Nat try to skate as fast as the cars go, but they can not. John has had a fall.

The girls are not on the pond; but some of them have skates which roll on the floor.

How fast the cars go!
Can you see them?

LESSON XXXI.

wōrk āx pile Nēd thīnk

wōd saw

hārd eūt



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Ned and John are hard at work.
John has a saw, and Ned has
an ax.

They will try to cut all of the
wood which you see in the pile.

Do you think they can do this
in one day?

LESSON XXXII.

noīse âir hēar
gōne Māy walk
eōol two
â oi



Two girls have gone out for a walk.

It is May, and the air is cool.

They hear the birds sing in the trees, and they hear the noise of the frogs in the pond.

They see men at work and boys at play.

LESSON XXXIII.

pull cārt gōats Bēss
 ŭp rīde hīll
 ŭ



Bess has a cart and two goats.
 She likes to ride in her cart.
 See how the goats pull!

Bess is so big, I think she
 should walk up the hill.

The goats love Bess, for she
 feeds them, and is kind to them.

LESSON XXXIV.

blāze put yĕt house

fire

rōōf

call

rīng

wē

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This house is on fire.

Look! the roof is in a blaze.

Run, boys, and ring the bell.

Call some men to put out the fire.

We may yet save the house,
if we work hard.

LESSON XXXV.—REVIEW.

Bess, do you hear a noise?

Yes, Tom; what is it?

It is the mill by our house; logs are cut there.

How do they cut the logs, Tom,—with an ax?

Not with an ax, Bess; it is too hard work; they cut them with a saw.

May we not go and see the mill at work, Tom?

Yes, I think so. The air is cool, and we can walk in the shade. We should go soon, Bess, or the pile of wood will be gone.

Our two goats and the cart are here, Tom; we can ride to the mill. It is not up hill, and the goats can pull us fast.

LESSON XXXVI.

Miss wants would tells



rule
keep
good
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each

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The girls and boys all love Miss May; she is so kind to them.

Miss May tells them there is a rule that she wants them to keep. It is, "Do to each one as you would like each one to do to you."

This is a good rule, and all boys and girls should keep it.

LESSON XXXVII.

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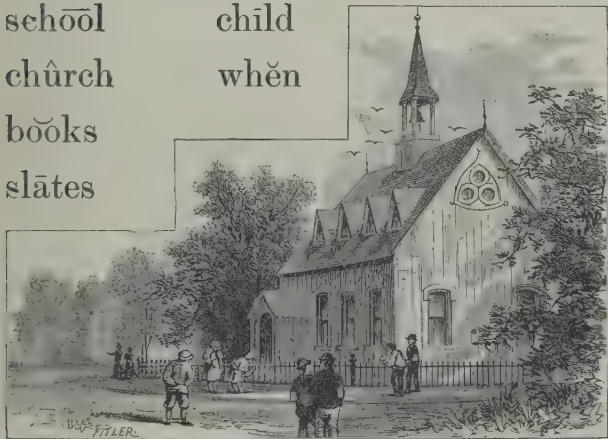
child

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bōōks

slātes



What kind of house is this?
Do you think it is a schoolhouse,
or a church?

It looks like a church, but I
think it is a schoolhouse.

I see the boys and girls with
their books and slates.

When the bell rings, they will
go in.

A good child likes to go to
school.

LESSON XXXVIII.

quāil

sēen

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quīck

kīll

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fīrst

Hěn'ry

qu

“John! come here. Be quick,
and tell me what kind of bird
this is.”

“Do you not know, Henry?”

“Oh, no! what is it?”

“It is a quail.”

“It is the first quail I have seen. Is it good to eat?”

“Yes; but I should not like to kill it.”

LESSON XXXIX.

Kāte dēar

nāme blūe

bā'by nēar

shūt erīb

sīt



Is not this a dear baby in the crib?

Her name is Kate, and she has big, blue eyes. You can not see her eyes, for they are shut.

Kate is a good baby; but she will cry if she is hurt, or if she is not well.

Bess likes to sit near the baby, and to rock her in the crib.

LESSON XL.—REVIEW.

Henry Black and Ned Bell live near our house. They go to school, and I see them go by each day with their books and slates.

Miss May tells the girls and boys that they should be at the schoolhouse when the bell rings. So Henry walks fast, and is first at school. He is a good boy,

and wants to keep the rule of the school.

Ned is not a good boy. I do not think he likes to go to school or to church.

I saw him try to kill a quail with a stone. The quail is too quick a bird for that, and Ned did not hurt it; but I know that a good child would not try to kill a bird.

There is a baby at Ned's house. Her name is Kate. Ned is not a good boy; but he loves Kate, and I do not think he would hurt her.

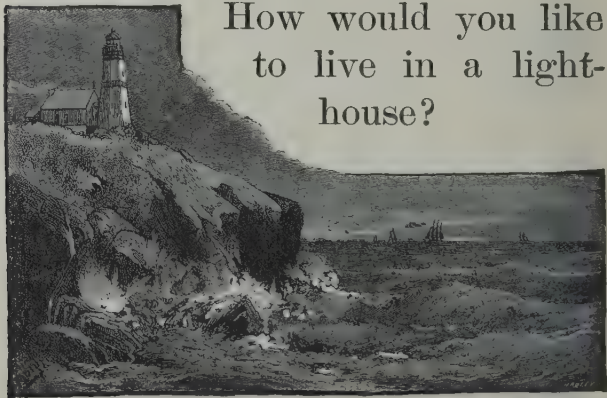
LESSON XLI.

light	fär	its	high
whêre	sēa	tall	wēre

The tall house which you see on that high rock is a lighthouse. At night its light is seen far out at sea, and the men on ships can tell where to go.

If it were not for this, they would run on the rocks.

How would you like
to live in a light-
house?



LESSON XLII.

wrōng wōlf ūs mȳ tōok

shēep mōre

wāch lāmbſ



Let us watch the sheep as they feed on the hills. They like to eat the new grass.

Do you see my two lambs? I had two more; but an old wolf took them one night.

I love my pet lambs. It would be wrong to hurt them.

LESSON XLIII.

läugh snōw hěad fūn
mouth mādē pipe



gh (as f)

The boys have made a big snow man.

They have put a tall hat on his head, and an old pipe in his mouth. Hear them laugh as they play! It is good fun for the boys.

They would like to have it snow all day and all night.

LESSON XLIV.

swēets mēan

plēase bēe

bŭzz vīne

ēould

said (sĕd)

ōnce (wŭns)



“Buzz! buzz!” a bee said to Mary.

“What do you mean?” said Mary. “Please tell me once more.”

“Buzz! buzz! buzz!” but Mary could not tell its wants.

I think it said, “Please let me get some sweets in this vine.”

LESSON XLV.—REVIEW.

One day Nat and I sat on the high hill by the sea, where the tall lighthouse stands. We could look far out, and could see the ships at sea.

As we sat there, we saw a man near by, with some sheep and lambs. The man had a pipe in his mouth. He sat with us, and let the sheep eat the grass.

What fun it is to see lambs play! It made us laugh to see them.

The man said that once, when the sheep and lambs were out in the snow, an old wolf took one of the lambs, and ran off with it.

I think that men should watch

their sheep, so that a wolf can not catch them.

LESSON XLVI.

while	might	time	things
done	right	your	halves

Work while you work,
Play while you play;
One thing each time,
That is the way.

All that you do,
Do with your might;
Things done by halves.
Are not done right.

LESSON XLVII.



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fīsh

fēll

sāfe

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sprāng

waŕ

thānk

gōt

One day John went to the pond to fish. His dog, Watch, went with him.

John sat on a log for a time, but did not catch a fish.

As he got up to go, he fell off the log.

Watch sprang in to save him. John put his arms round the

dog's neck, and was soon safe on the log once more.

“Thank you, my brave old dog,” said John to Watch.

LESSON XLVIII.

Jāmes āsks wārm tōwn
thēn drīves bēen (bĭn) shōw

James has been to the mill.
The day is warm, and he lets
his horse stand
in the shade.



A girl asks him to show her the way to the town. He tells her the way, and then drives on.

LESSON XLIX.

I'll

shē'll

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puss

pûr

păt

fûr

härm

dēeds



I love my dear puss,
Her fur is so warm;
And, if I don't hurt her,
She'll do me no harm.

I'll pat my dear puss,
And then she will pur,
And show me her thanks
For my kind deeds to her.

LESSON L.



now wreaths who queen
woods shall crown

It is the first of May The
boys and girls have gone to the
woods to have a good time. See
them at their play.

The girls have wreaths in their
hands.

Now they will crown some one

Queen of the May. Who shall it be?

It should be the best girl, and that is Kate.

LESSON LI.

Göd	small	fröm
	wōrld	mōon
	shine	nūt
	lōng	a gō'



Do you see that tall tree? Long ago it sprang up from a small nut.

Do you know who made it do so?

It was God, my child. God made the world and all things in it. He made the sun to light the day, and the moon to shine at night.

God shows that he loves us by all that he has done for us. Should we not then love him?

LESSON LII.

Lôrd	smîle	jôys	tēar	nîgh
môrn	griēfs	wōes	stārs	sāy

When the stars, at set of sun,
Watch you from on high;
When the light of morn has come,
Think the Lord is nigh.



All you do, and all you say,
He can see and hear;
When you work and when you play,
Think the Lord is near.

All your joys and griefs he knows,
Sees each smile and tear;
When to him you tell your woes,
Know the Lord will hear.

SLATE EXERCISES

n u n nun

u r n urn

s u n sun

c o w cow

s a w saw

r i m rim

c a t cat

l a d lad

b o x box

h e n hen

k i d kid

q u o quo

h e n hen

j a r jar

e y e eye

g u n gun

v i z viz

i v y ivy

f a n fan

SCRIPT ALPHABET

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